

SENATE BILL No. 314

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Synopsis: Soil and water conservation districts. Establishes water quality protection as a legislative policy. Makes changes to the membership of the soil conservation board (board) and the advisory members. Requires the board to conduct a conservation needs inventory and hold meetings throughout the state. Allows a waiver of the ten acres of land requirement to be waived for elected soil and water conservation district supervisors. Removes the requirement that the nominees for elected supervisors must exceed the vacancies. Allows the board to appoint associate supervisors for soil and water conservation districts. Adds information that must be included in annual reports. Requires the department of agriculture to implement a geographic information system for each county. Allows the clean water Indiana program to provide financial assistance to soil and water conservation districts. Makes technical corrections.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

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SECTI	ON 1	. IC	14-32-1-1	IS	AMEND	ED	TO	READ	AS
FOLLOW	S [EF	FECT	IVE JULY	1, 2	006]: Sec.	1.	The	following	are
declared a	s a ma	atter o	f legislative	det	ermination	1:			

- (1) That the land and water resources of Indiana are among the basic assets of Indiana and that the proper management of these resources is necessary to protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Indiana.
- (2) That improper land use practices and failure to control and use rainfall and runoff water cause and contribute to deterioration and waste of these resources of Indiana.
- (3) That the breaking of natural grass, plant, and forest cover has interfered with the natural factors of soil stabilization, causing loosening of soil and exhaustion of humus and developing a soil condition that favors excessive runoff and erosion, with the following results:
 - (A) The topsoil is being blown and washed out of the fields and pastures.

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1	(B) There has been an accelerated washing of sloping fields.
2	(C) These processes of erosion by wind and water speed up
3	with removal of the topsoil, exposing the less absorptive, less
4	protective, less productive, and more erosive subsoil.
5	(4) That valuable water resources are being lost causing damages
6	in watersheds.
7	(5) That failure by a land occupier to properly manage the soil and
8	water causes a washing and blowing of these resources onto other
9	land and makes the conservation of these resources on the other
10	land more difficult.
11	(6) That the consequences of soil erosion and failure to control
12	and use rainfall and runoff water are the following:
13	(A) The silting and sedimentation of stream channels,
14	reservoirs, dams, ditches, and harbors.
15	(B) The loss of fertile soil material.
16	(C) The piling up of soil on lower slopes and the deposit over
17	alluvial plains.
18	(D) The reduction in productivity or outright ruin of bottom
19	land by flooding and overwash of poor subsoil material, sand,
20	and gravel swept out of the hills.
21	(E) The deterioration of soil and the soil's fertility,
22	deterioration of crops grown, and reduction in crop yields.
23	(F) The loss of soil and water that causes destruction of food
24	and cover for wildlife.
25	(G) A blowing and washing of soil into streams and lakes that
26	silts over spawning beds and destroys water plants,
27	diminishing the food supply of fish.
28	(H) A diminishing of the underground water reserve and loss
29	of surplus rainfall runoff causing water shortages, intensifying
30	periods of drought, and causing crop failures.
31	(I) An increase in the speed and volume of rainfall runoff,
32	causing severe and increasing floods.
33	(J) Economic hardship for those attempting to farm land that
34	is eroded or subject to frequent flooding.
35	(K) Damage to roads, highways, railways, farm buildings, and
36	other property from floods and from dust storms.
37	(L) Losses in navigation, hydroelectric power, municipal water
38	supply, recreational water development, irrigation
39	developments, farming, and grazing.
40	(7) That to conserve soil and water resources, control and prevent
41	soil erosion, protect water quality, reduce flood damage, and
42	further the conservation development, use, and disposal of water,



1	it is necessary that:	
2	(A) land use practices contributing to soil and water wastage,	
3	water quality impairment, and soil erosion be discouraged	
4	and discontinued; and	
5	(B) appropriate soil and water conserving land use practices	
6	and works of improvement for flood prevention or the	
7	conservation development, use, and disposal of water be	
8	adopted and carried out.	
9	(8) That among the procedures necessary for widespread adoption	
10	are the following:	
11	(A) Carrying on of engineering operations such as the	
12	construction of flood preventing reservoirs and channels,	
13	terraces, terrace outlets, check dams, dikes, ponds, ditches, and	
14	similar operations.	
15	(B) The use of soil protecting agronomic practices, such as	
16	strip cropping, contour cropping, and conservation tillage.	
17	(C) Land irrigation.	
18	(D) Seeding and planting of sloping, abandoned, or eroded	
19	land to water-conserving and erosion-preventing plants, trees,	
20	and grasses.	
21	(E) Forestation and reforestation.	
22	(F) Rotation of crops.	
23	(G) Soil stabilization with trees, grasses, legumes, and other	
24	thick-growing, soil-holding crops.	
25	(H) Retardation of runoff by impounding the runoff water	
26	behind structures, by increasing the absorption of rainfall, and	
27	by retiring from cultivation all steep, highly erosive areas and	
28	areas already badly eroded.	
29	(I) The use of water quality protection practices, including	
30	nutrient and pesticide management on all lands.	
31	SECTION 2. IC 14-32-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS	
32 33	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 2. In light of the	
34	determination set forth in section 1 of this chapter, it is the policy of the	
35	general assembly to provide for the proper management of soil and water resources, the control and prevention of soil erosion, the	
36	prevention of flood water and sediment damage, the prevention of	
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3 <i>1</i> 38	water quality impairment, and the conservation development, use, and disposal of water in the watersheds of Indiana to accomplish the	
39	following:	
39 40	(1) Conserve the natural resources including wildlife	



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(2) Control floods.

(3) Prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs.

1	(4) Assist in maintaining the navigability of rivers and harbors.
2	(5) Protect the water quality of lakes and streams.
3	(6) Protect the tax base.
4	(7) Protect public land.
5	(8) Protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of
6	the people of Indiana.
7	(9) Protect a high quality water resource.
8	SECTION 3. IC 14-32-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
9	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 1. The soil
10	conservation board is established within the department of agriculture
11	established by IC 15-9-2-1 as the policy making body for soil and
12	water conservation.
13	SECTION 4. IC 14-32-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
14	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 2. The board consists
15	of the following nine (9) seven (7) members:
16	(1) Four (4) members who must be land occupiers with farming
17	interests, appointed by the governor.
18	(2) Two (2) Three (3) members who must be land occupiers with
19	nonfarming interests, appointed by the governor.
20	(3) Three (3) ex officio members as follows:
21	(A) The director or the director's designee.
22	(B) The director of the department of agriculture or the
23	director's designee.
24	(C) The director of the Purdue University cooperative
25	extension service or the director's designee.
26	SECTION 5. IC 14-32-2-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
27	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 3. (a) A majority of the
28	six (6) seven (7) appointed members of the board must have experience
29	as district supervisors.
30	(b) In making appointments to the board, the governor may invite
31	and consider the recommendations of the following:
32	(1) The Purdue University cooperative extension service.
33	(2) The department of agriculture.
34	(3) The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation
35	Districts.
36	(c) All appointments to the board shall be made without regard to
37	political affiliation.
38	(d) The members appointed to the board under section 2(1) and 2(2)
39	of this chapter must be residents of at least four (4) different
40	geographic regions of Indiana.
41	SECTION 6. IC 14-32-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
42	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 4. (a) The term of an



1	appointed member of the board is four (4) years. An appointed member	
2	shall serve until a successor is appointed and has qualified. The terms	
3	shall be staggered so that at least three (3) members are appointed	
4	every two (2) years.	
5	(b) The terms of the three (3) ex officio members of the board are	
6	coterminous with the governor's term of office.	
7	SECTION 7. IC 14-32-2-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS	
8	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 7. (a) The governor	
9	may appoint advisory members from other organizations that	
10	promote conservation, including local, state, and federal agencies	4
11	upon the recommendation of the board.	
12	(b) The governor shall appoint members to the advisory board	
13	that represent the following:	
14	(1) The department of agriculture.	
15	(2) The department of natural resources.	
16	(3) The department of environmental management.	4
17	(4) The Purdue University cooperative extension service.	•
18	(5) The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation	
19	Districts.	
20	(6) The Farm Service Agency of the United States Department	
21	of Agriculture.	
22	(7) The Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United	
23	States Department of Agriculture.	
24	SECTION 8. IC 14-32-2-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS	
25	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 12. The board shall do	
26	the following:	
27	(1) Provide for the execution of surety bonds for all board	
28	employees and officers who are entrusted with money or property.	1
29	(2) Provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all	
30	board proceedings and of all resolutions and rules the board	
31	issues or adopts. The accounts of receipts and disbursements are	
32	subject to examination by the state board of accounts.	
33	(3) Offer appropriate assistance to the supervisors of soil and	
34	water conservation districts to carry out district powers and	
35	programs.	
36	(4) Keep the supervisors of districts informed of the activities and	
37	experience of all other districts and facilitate cooperation and an	
38	interchange of advice and experience among districts.	
39	(5) Coordinate the programs of the districts as far as this may be	
40	done by advice and consultation.	
41	(6) Secure the cooperation and assistance of the United States and	
42	state agencies in the work of the districts. However, this	



1	subdivision does not authorize either of the following:	
2	(A) The transfer or control of authority over districts to a	
3	federal agency.	
4	(B) The transfer of title of land or control to the United States.	
5	(7) Disseminate information throughout Indiana concerning the	
6	activities and programs of the districts and encourage the	
7	formation of districts in areas where organization is desirable.	
8	(8) Coordinate the erosion and sediment part of 33 U.S.C. 1288	
9	(Public Law 92-500, Section 208) and other erosion and sediment	4
10	reduction programs that affect water quality, in cooperation with	
11	state and federal agencies and through districts as provided under	
12	IC 14-32-5-1.	
13	(9) Develop a statewide regulatory program to be initiated after all	
14	reasonable voluntary approaches to erosion and sediment	
15	reduction have been exhausted.	
16	(10) Conduct an inventory of conservation needs for planning	
17	purposes and to inform the general assembly.	
18	(11) Hold meetings in locations throughout Indiana.	
19	(10) (12) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this article.	
20	SECTION 9. IC 14-32-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS	
21	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 1. (a) The governing	
22	body of a district consists of five (5) supervisors as follows:	
23	(1) Two (2) who are appointed.	
24	(2) Three (3) who are elected.	
25	(b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:	
26	(1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is:	
27	(A) more than ten (10) acres in area; and	
28	(B) located within the district;	
29	(2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the	
30	district; and	
31	(3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the	
32	duties that this article imposes on supervisors.	
33	However, the ten (10) acre requirement may be waived if a district	
34	requests a waiver and the waiver is approved by the board.	
35	(c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, an individual:	
36	(1) must be of voting age;	
37	(2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the	
38	district; and	
39	(3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the	
40	duties that this article imposes on supervisors.	
41	SECTION 10. IC 14-32-4-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS	
42	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE HILLY 1 2006]: Sec. 8 (a) The election	



1	committee appointed under section 7 of this chapter shall do the
2	following:
3	(1) Select qualified individuals as prospective nominees to fill any
4	vacancies that exist among the elected supervisors of the district.
5	(2) Contact and ascertain the willingness and ability of each
6	individual to serve if elected.
7	(3) Submit the list of nominees with the qualifications for
8	certification and printing of a sample ballot to the board by
9	December 1.
10	(4) Place the names of the prospective nominees selected under
11	subdivisions (1) and (2) in nomination at the meeting and provide
12	an opportunity for additional nominations to be made from the
13	floor.
14	(5) After nominations are closed, distribute a ballot to each land
15	occupier present at the meeting.
16	(6) Collect and count the ballots after each land occupier present
17	at the meeting has had an opportunity to vote.
18	(7) Report the results of the election to the chairman.
19	(b) The number of prospective nominees selected under subsection
20	(a)(1) must exceed the number of vacancies that exist among the
21	elected supervisors of the district by at least one (1).
22	SECTION 11. IC 14-32-4-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
23	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
24	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 10.5. (a) The board may appoint
25	associate supervisors to assist in performing duties in each district.
26	(b) Associate supervisors are nonvoting members of the board
27	and may not hold officer positions on the board.
28	(c) Associate supervisors may be reimbursed for approved
29	expenses but are not entitled to per diem.
30	SECTION 12. IC 14-32-4-22 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
31	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 22. The supervisors of
32	a district shall do the following:
33	(1) Provide for the execution of surety bonds for all district
34	employees and officers who are entrusted with money or property.
35	(2) Provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all
36	district proceedings and of all district resolutions and orders
37	issued or adopted.
38	(3) Provide for an annual audit of the accounts of receipts and
39	disbursements of the district.
40	(4) Provide a copy of each annual financial statement of the
41	district to the board not later than March 31.
42	SECTION 13. IC 14-32-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS



1	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 1. (a) A district
2	constitutes a governmental subdivision of the state and a public body
3	corporate and politic exercising public powers.
4	(b) A district may do the following:
5	(1) Carry out soil erosion and water runoff preventive and control
6	measures within the district, including engineering operations,
7	methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation, changes in use
8	of land, and the measures listed in IC 14-32-1-1(7) and
9	IC 14-32-1-1(8), on the following:
0	(A) Land owned or controlled by the state with the consent and
.1	cooperation of the agency administering and having
2	jurisdiction of the land.
3	(B) Any other land within the district upon obtaining the
4	consent of the occupier of the land or the necessary rights or
5	interests in the land.
6	(2) Construct, improve, operate, and maintain the structures that
7	are necessary or convenient for the performance of any of the
. 8	operations authorized in this article.
9	(3) Cooperate or enter into agreements with, and within the limits
20	of appropriations made available to the district by law to furnish
21	financial or other aid to, a federal, state, or other agency or an
22	occupier of land within the district in the carrying on of
23	conservation operations within the district, subject to the
24	conditions that the supervisors consider necessary to advance the
25	purpose of this article.
26	(4) Obtain options upon and acquire, by purchase, exchange,
27	lease, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or otherwise, real or personal
28	property or rights or interests in property.
29	(5) Maintain, administer, and improve property acquired, receive
0	income from the property, and expend the income in carrying out
1	this article.
32	(6) Sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of property or interests in
33	property in furtherance of this article.
34	(7) Make available to land occupiers within the district, on terms
55	that the district prescribes:
66	(A) agricultural and engineering machinery and equipment;
37	(B) fertilizer;
8	(C) seeds;
9	(D) seedlings;
10	(E) other material or equipment; and
1	(F) services from the district;
12	that will assist in conserving the soil and water resources of the



1	land occupiers.
2	(8) Develop or participate in the development of comprehensive
3	plans for the proper management of soil and water resources
4	within the district that specify the acts, procedures, performances,
5	and avoidances necessary or desirable for the effectuation of the
6	plans.
7	(9) Publish plans and information developed under subdivision
8	(8) and bring the plans and information to the attention of land
9	occupiers within the district.
10	(10) Take over, with the consent of the United States or the state,
11	by purchase, lease, or otherwise, and administer any soil and
12	water conservation, erosion control, water quality protection, or
13	flood prevention project of the entity located within the district's
14	boundaries.
15	(11) Manage, as agent of the United States or the state, any soil
16	and water conservation, erosion control, water quality protection,
17	flood prevention, or outdoor recreation project within the district's
18	boundaries.
19	(12) Act as agent for the United States or the state in connection
20	with the acquisition, construction, operation, or administration of
21	any soil and water conservation, erosion control, water quality
22	protection, flood prevention, or outdoor recreation project within
23	the district's boundaries.
24	(13) Accept donations, gifts, and contributions in money,
25	services, materials, or otherwise from the United States and use
26	or expend the services, materials, or other contributions in
27	carrying on the district's operations.
28	(14) Sue and be sued in the name of the district.
29	(15) Have perpetual succession unless terminated as provided in
30	this article.
31	(16) Make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary
32	or convenient to the exercise of the district's powers.
33	(17) Adopt rules and regulations consistent with this article to
34	carry into effect the purposes and powers of this article.
35	(18) Require an occupier of land not owned or controlled by the
36	state, as a condition to extending benefits under this article to or
37	the performance of work upon the land, to do either or both of the
38	following:
39	(A) Make contributions in money, services, materials, or
40	otherwise to an operation conferring benefits.
41	(B) Enter into agreements or covenants concerning the use and
42	treatment of the land that will tend to:



1	(i) prevent or control soil erosion;	
2	(ii) achieve water conservation and water quality protection;	
3	and	
4	(iii) reduce flooding;	
5	on the land.	
6	(19) Cooperate with the state in the following:	
7	(A) Conducting surveys, investigations, and research relating	
8	to the character of soil erosion and water losses and the	
9	preventive and control measures needed.	
10	(B) Publishing the results of the surveys, investigations, or	1
11	research.	
12	(C) Disseminating information concerning the preventive and	
13	control measures.	
14	(D) The management of watersheds.	
15	(20) Cooperate with the state in conducting, within the district,	
16	soil and water conservation, erosion control, water quality	1
17	protection, and flood prevention demonstration projects:	•
18	(A) on land owned or controlled by the state with the agency	
19	administering and having jurisdiction of the land; and	
20	(B) on any other land upon obtaining the consent of the	
21	occupier of the land or the necessary rights or interests in the	1
22	land.	
23	(21) Serve as the management agency for:	
24	(A) the erosion and sediment part of 33 U.S.C. 1288 (P.L.	
25	92-500, section 208); and	
26	(B) other erosion and sediment reduction programs that affect	
27	water quality in each county.	\
28	SECTION 14. IC 14-32-7-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS	
29	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 6. (a) The division of	
30	soil conservation:	
31	(1) shall administer and coordinate the duties and responsibilities	
32	of the department of agriculture under the land resource	
33	programs authorized by this chapter; and	
34	(2) in carrying out its duties under subdivision (1), may work in	
35	cooperation with the following:	
36	(A) Federal and state agencies.	
37	(B) Local governmental agencies involved in land use	
38	planning and zoning.	
39 10	(C) Any person, firm, institution, or agency, public or private,	
40 41	having an interest in land conservation. (b) The department of agriculture may employ the personnel and	
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1	department's department of agriculture's duties and responsibilities
2	under this chapter.
3	(c) The department of agriculture shall prepare an annual
4	report of the division of soil conservation's expenditures and
5	accomplishments and that contains a proposed business plan.
6	SECTION 15. IC 14-32-7-8.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
7	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 8.5. (a) As used in this
8	section, "soil survey" means a systematic scientific identification,
9	inventory, and mapping of the soils of a given area that sets forth the
10	capabilities, potential, and limitations of the soils in the satisfaction of
11	human needs.
12	(b) The department of agriculture shall use the money appropriated
13	by the general assembly to implement and supplement a program of
14	modern soil surveys and geographic information systems (GIS) for
15	Indiana that will, within the shortest practicable time, provide a modern
16	soil survey and geographic information system for each county as an
17	essential tool in land conservation.
18	SECTION 16. IC 14-32-7-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
19	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 12. (a) As used in this
20	section, "river" includes streams and the tributaries of rivers.
21	(b) The division of soil conservation shall do the following:
22	(1) Perform all administrative duties required by the rules of the
23	board.
24	(2) Provide professional assistance to districts in planning,
25	coordinating, and training for the following:
26	(A) Adult soil and water conservation education.
27	(B) Natural resources conservation information programs for
28	elementary and secondary schools.
29	(C) Supervisors and staff.
30	(3) Provide professional soil conservation technical assistance to
31	districts.
32	(4) Provide nonagricultural soils interpretive and erosion control
33	expertise on a regional basis.
34	(5) Assist the districts and other federal, state, and local entities
35	in encouraging and monitoring compliance with those aspects of
36	the programs that are related to erosion and sediment reduction.
37	(6) Administer a cost share program for installation of erosion
38	control structural measures on severely eroding cropland and for
39	conversion of highly erodible land from crop production to
40	permanent vegetative cover.
41	(7) Administer a lake and river enhancement program to do the



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following:

1	(A) Control sediment and associated nutrient inflow into lakes
2	and rivers.
3	(B) Accomplish actions that will forestall or reverse the impact
4	of that inflow and enhance the continued use of Indiana's lakes
5	and rivers.
6	(8) Provide professional assistance to districts in conservation
7	needs assessments, program development, and program
8	evaluation.
9	SECTION 17. IC 14-32-8-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
10	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 5. The purpose of the
l 1	program is to provide financial assistance to:
12	(1) soil and water conservation districts;
13	(1) (2) land occupiers; and
14	(2) (3) conservation groups;
15	to implement conservation practices to reduce nonpoint sources of
16	water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and
17	cost sharing programs.
18	SECTION 18. IC 14-32-8-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
19	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 7. Money in the fund
20	may be spent in the following ways:
21	(1) To increase district technical assistance in local conservation
22	efforts.
23	(2) To develop an environmental stewardship program to assist
24	land occupiers in complying with environmental regulations
25	voluntarily.
26	(3) To qualify for federal matching funds for county soil survey
27	computerization.
28	(4) To provide for the following cost sharing programs:
29	(A) A program to encourage land occupiers to implement
30	conservation practices to reduce nutrient, pesticide, and
31	sediment runoff.
32	(B) Programs that encourage land occupiers to implement
33	nutrient management programs by sharing the cost of any of
34	the following:
35	(i) Fencing for intensive grazing systems.
36	(ii) Purchasing nutrient management equipment.
37	(iii) Voluntary environmental audits.
38	(iv) Other similar expenditures related to nutrient
39	management.
10	(5) To provide matching grants to districts for the following:
41 42	(A) Professional watershed coordinators to facilitate and
12	administer local watershed protection projects



1	(B) District managers to administer district conservation	
2	policies and programs.	
3	(6) To increase state technical and capacity building assistance to	
4	districts and local conservation efforts by providing for the	
5	following:	
6	(A) Capacity building specialists to train district personnel in	
7	grant writing, grant administration, and leadership	
8	development.	
9	(B) Conservation education specialists to help implement	
10	district conservation education efforts.	
11	(C) Urban storm water specialists to provide technical	
12	assistance to developers to contain soil erosion on construction	
13	sites.	
14	(7) To make distributions as provided under section 8 of this	
15	chapter.	
16	(8) Implementation of geographic information systems (GIS)	1
17	or similar technology.	,
18	SECTION 19. IC 14-32-8-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS	
19	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 8. (a) In addition to	
20	funds provided to a district under section 7 of this chapter or from any	
21	other source, the division of soil conservation shall pay to the district	
22	one dollar (\$1) for every one dollar (\$1) the district receives from a	
23	political subdivision.	
24	(b) The state is not obligated to match more than ten thousand	
25	dollars (\$10,000) under this section.	
26	(c) In order to receive funding under this section before April 15 of	_
27	each year, a district must certify to the division of soil conservation the	`
28	amount of money the district received from all political subdivisions	
29	during the one (1) year period beginning January 1 of the previous year.	1
30	The information prepared under this subsection must be part of	
31	the report prepared under IC 14-32-4-22. The division of soil	
32	conservation shall make distributions under this section not later than	
33	July 15 of each year.	
34	(d) Before making distributions under this section, the division of	
35	soil conservation shall determine the total amount of money that has	
36	been certified by all districts as having been provided by political	
37	subdivisions. If the cumulative amount to be distributed to all districts	
38	exceeds the amount appropriated to the fund, the division of soil	
39	conservation shall reduce the distribution to each district	
40	proportionately.	

(e) A district must spend money received under this section for the



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purposes of the district.

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator be added as second author of Senate Bill 314.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Small Business, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 314, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 4, line 11, delete "of the" and insert "for".

Page 4, line 12, delete "conservation districts." and insert "conservation.".

Page 5, line 15, after "department" insert "of natural resources". and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 314 as introduced.)

NUGENT, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

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